

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended) An information supplying method comprising:
 - a registration step of causing a user to select, from among a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment, particular data reproducing equipment to be used by the user, ascertaining the media compatibility type of the particular data reproducing equipment selected by the user and registering the particular data reproducing equipment, selected by the user, including the ascertained media compatibility type, in association with the user;
 - a step of searching a plurality of items of content for particular content of a media compatibility type reproducible with by the data reproducing equipment registered by said registration step in association with the user; and
 - a step of supplying the user with content displaying information indicative of the particular content of a media compatibility type compatible with the data reproducing equipment registered by said registration step and searched out by said step of searching.
2. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the content displaying information is information for making a content introducing display used for

reference by the user in designating desired content deliverable via a communication network.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step of registering is capable of registering a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment for each user, and

said step of searching searches for content usable only in particular data reproducing equipment currently set in a search mode from among a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment registered in association with the user.

4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein said step of searching including a step of setting a desired one of the plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment, registered in association with the user, in the search mode in response to a selection by the user.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein said step of setting includes a step of causing the user to select the desired one of the plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment, registered in association with the user, via a display terminal of the user.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step of supplying presents, on a display terminal of the user, the content displaying information indicative of the searched out content.

7. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 which further comprises a step of allowing the user to make a selection for receiving a part or whole of content corresponding to the content displaying information supplied by said step of supplying.

8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein said step of searching is carried out in response to a request made by a particular user.

9. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein a server apparatus for supplying information and a client terminal for receiving supplied information are interconnectable via a communication network, and said method is performed by using at least one of a computer of said server apparatus and a computer of said client terminal.

10. (Original) An information supplying apparatus comprising:
a registration section that causes a user to select, from among a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment, particular data reproducing equipment to be used, and registers the particular data reproducing equipment, selected by the user, in association with the user;
a section that searches a plurality of items of content for particular content reproducible with the data reproducing equipment registered in association with the user; and

a section that supplies the user with content displaying information indicative of the content searched out by said registration section.

11. (Original) An information supplying apparatus as claimed in claim 10 wherein a server apparatus for supplying information and a client terminal for receiving supplied information are interconnectable via a communication network, and said information supplying apparatus belongs to at least one of said server apparatus and said client terminal.

12. (Original) A program containing a group of instructions for causing a processor to perform information supply processing, said information supply processing comprising:

a registration step of causing a user to select, from among a plurality of pieces of data reproducing equipment, particular data reproducing equipment to be used by the user, and registering the particular data reproducing equipment, selected by the user, in association with the user;

a step of searching a plurality of items of content for particular content reproducible with the data reproducing equipment registered by said registration step in association with the user; and

a step of supplying the user with content displaying information indicative of the particular content searched out by said step of searching.

13. (Original) A program as claimed in claim 12 wherein a server apparatus for supplying information and a client terminal for receiving supplied information are interconnectable via a communication network, and said processor for performing said information supply processing is at least one of a computer of said server apparatus and a computer of said client terminal.